CBS Tipster To Be Returned To U.S. Prison

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NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16 (UPI)—An escaped convict who allegedly attempted to sell information on the whereabouts of missing former Teamsters leader James R. Hoffa will be returned to federal prison, his lawyer said.

A U.S. magistrate's court Monday verified that Clarence N. Medlin, accused by the Columbia Broadcasting System of taking $10,000 to show a film crew the alleged location of Hoffa's body, was an escapee from a federal prison halfway house in North Carolina.

The ruling came after defense attorney Laurence Rudman filed application for writ of habeas corpus to force the government to prove it had the right man.

Rudman said federal authorities probably will keep Medlin in New Orleans for several more days pending the ruling of a federal judge based on recommendations made by U.S. Magistrate Ingard Johannesen.